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SUBJECT: FINNISH POLITICAL PARTIES SENDING DELEGATION
TO CHILE

1. A DELEGATION MADE UP FROM ALL THE NINE PARTIES REPRESENTED IN THE FINNISH PARLIAMENT WILL DEPART FOR CHILE ON OCTOBER 15. THEY PLAN TO HAVE A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT THE SITUATION IN CHILE AND ARE EXPECTED TO APPEAL TO CHILEAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, AND END TO VIOLENCE, AND A RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY.

2. THE DELEGATION IS LED BY MP LARS LINDEMAN (SOCIAL DEMOCRAT), WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE IN PARLIAMENT. JOINING HIM WILL BE MP'S SULO SUORTTANEN (CENTER), OSMO KOCK (SKDL-COMMUNIST), JOUNI MYKKANEN (CONSERVATIVE), AILI LAITINEN (LIBERAL), PEKKA VENNAMO (RURAL), OLAVI RONKAINEN (CHRISTIAN), AND THE SECRETARY OF THE SWEDISH PARTY, HENRY OLANDER, AND THE LEADER OF THE UNITY PARTY, EINO HAIKALA. KOCK IS THE

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ONLY SPANISH SPEAKER IN THE GROUP.

3. THE DELEGATION HAS THE BLESSING OF THE GOF. IT HAS ALSO ATTEMPTED TO PERSUADE THE POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE OTHER NORDIC COUNTRIES TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES, WITHOUT ANY APPARENT SUCCESS SO FAR. AS THE DELEGATION IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO FINLAND ON OCTOBER 22, IT WILL PROBABLY STAY IN CHILE ONLY FOR A FEW DAYS.

4. COMMENT: AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, RECENT EVENTS IN CHILE HAVE BECOME AN INTENSELY EMOTIONAL ISSUE IN FINLAND. THIS DELEGATION IS YET ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO CHANNEL SUCH EMOTIONS INTO RESPONSIBLE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION.
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